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KTALK's Jim Kirkwood Joins Libertarian Party

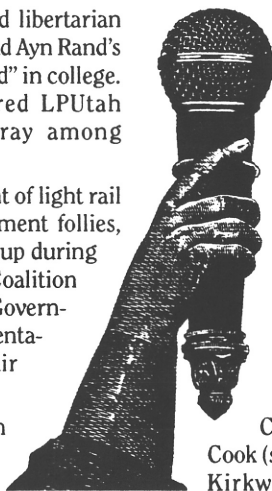
Following a growing national trend, another astute political observer and prominent radio personality has joined the ranks of the Libertarian Party.

Jim Kirkwood, KTKK-630 AM's afternoon drivetime talk-show host, well-known local activist, biblical scholar, author and former member of the Republican Party's state central committee and onetime Republican candidate for Salt Lake County Commissioner, became a dues-paying, Pledge-signing member of the LPUtah on October 8.

Kirkwood has held libertarian beliefs since he read Ayn Rand's "The Fountainhead" in college. He also numbered LPUtah founder Karl Bray among his friends.

A veteran opponent of light rail and other government follies, Kirkwood, signed-up during a meeting of the Coalition for Accountable Government after a presentation by state chair Jim Dexter.

The Coalition is an organization of well-known Utah



activists who believe, as we do, that government is out of control of the people it's supposed to serve.

Kirkwood's very popular talk program airs on Thursdays and Fridays on KTKK between 4:00 and 7:00 PM.

An old friend of now-Congressman Merrill Cook (see article on page 2), Kirkwood has often ex-

pressed dismay at his "friend's" failure to keep his campaign promise to "stop light rail dead in its TRAXX."

A genial and gracious host, he generally keeps his own views to himself unless unduly provoked by a guest. So don't expect him to become another outspoken on-the-air Libertarian like Gene Burns or Lowell Ponte.

Kirkwood intends to keep his Republican connections until they see the light. Even so he feels the Libertarian Party is "positioned for the future." So listen up and call in.



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Think Election '98 Now

by J. Robert Latham, State Legal Counsel

The time to recruit candidates for 1998 state legislative and county races is now. In 1996, the 23 races for state representative listed below were uncontested!

Please encourage any libertarians you know in these districts to join the LPUtah, sign the candidate's pledge, and pay the nominal \$9.00 filing fee for these races in 1998 so:

1. Republicans and Democrats have to expend resources on these races instead of diverting funds to other races,
2. We get more exposure for Libertarian policies, and
3. More Utahns get a choice and in the habit of voting Libertarian.

(Note: several state senate races were also uncontested in 1996, but won't be up for election until the year 2000.)

Uncontested Districts

District—Incumbent (Party), Counties

- 1—Eli Anderson (D), Box Elder, Tooele, and Cache
- 2—Peter C. Knudson (R), Box Elder
- 13—Nora B. Thurgood Stephens (R), Davis
- 26—Steve Barth (D), Salt Lake
- 39—David Zolman (R), Salt Lake
- 45—Melvin Brown (R), Salt Lake
- 50—Lloyd Frandsen (R), Salt Lake
- 54—Beverly Evans (R), Wasatch and Duchesne
- 55—Jack Seitz (R), Daggett and Uintah
- 57—Lowell A. Nelson (R), Utah
- 58—John A. Valentine (R), Utah
- 60—Katherine Bryson (R), Utah
- 62—Jeff Alexander (R), Utah
- 63—Jordan Tanner (R), Utah
- 65—J. Brent Haymond (R), Utah
- 67—Bill Wright (R), Utah, Juab and Sanpete
- 68—Michael R. Styler (R), Millard and Sanpete

69—Brad King (D), Carbon and Emery

70—Brad Johnson (R), Emery, Sanpete and Sevier

71—Max Keele Johnson (R), Emery, Grand and San Juan

72—DeMar "Bud" Bowman (R), Beaver and Iron

73—Thomas Hatch (R), Beaver, Garfield, Kane, Piute, Sevier and Wayne

74—Dennis H. Iverson (R), Washington

Senate Races

Based on the state senators who were not up for election in 1996, the state senate seats up for grabs in 1998 are:

- 1—Robert C. Steiner (D), Salt Lake
- 3—Blaze D. Wharton (D), Salt Lake
- 4—Howard A. Stephenson (R), Salt Lake and Utah
- 7—David L. Buhler (R), Salt Lake
- 9—L. Steven Poulton (R), Salt Lake
- 10—L. Alma "Al" Mansell (R), Salt Lake
- 11—Eddie "Ed" P. Mayne (D), Salt Lake
- 12—Millie M. Petersen (D), Salt Lake
- 13—George Mantes (D), Salt Lake and Tooele
- 15—LeRay McAllister (R), Utah
- 18—Nathan C. Tanner (R), Davis and Weber
- 21—David H. Steele (R), Davis
- 22—Craig L. Taylor (R), Davis
- 24—John P. Holmgren (R), Box Elder and Cache
- 26—Alarik Myrin (R), Carbon, Daggett, Duchesne, Summit, Uintah and Wasatch

They're All Vulnerable!

Given the state of Utah's roads, all incumbents, especially those along the Wasatch Front, are subject to voter wrath. 1998 should prove a great time to be a Libertarian candidate in Utah.

Cook's Town Meeting: Filtered Participation

by Jim Dexter, State Chair

I attended CongKook's "town meeting" on transportation at the Sandy City Hall on August 4. Due to the deplorable state of the state's transportation infrastructure, I was four minutes late. Amazingly, they had already started. (Whatever happened to the legendary MST (Mormon Standard Time)?

Shielding Merrill

The format was designed to shield His Imperious Merrillness from the electorate. The meeting started at 7:00 and was slated to wrap up at 8:30.

But first, before HIM-fellow would speak, we were treated to a panel discussion featuring the aristocracy of Utah's state-run transportation systems... starting with the guy in charge of Utah's airports. (I don't make these things up.) Not surprisingly, he got no questions.

Whilst the panel was enlightening us peons by extolling the virtues of their departments, Ms. Marnie Funk and other mer-rillminions were passing out pencils and 3x5 cards to let the audience ask questions. And then they sorted the questions, no doubt adding a few softballs of their own. When the panel finished patting itself on their collective backs, over half the allotted time had been used up. Surprise.

Ms. Funk started reading the questions. Amazingly, the first question was not directed to HIM-fellow, but to UDOT's Rich Kachinsky. But the next one was for CongKook. And so it went, one for the panel, one for Merrill.

CongKook claimed that lite rail was a "done deal" before he got elected and their was nothing he could do to stop it. The audience seemed to have few light rail fans (or current Kook supporters, for that matter) and Frau Funk was

quick to shut up anyone who dared speak his/her mind, including several visibly and vocally disgruntled senior citizens.

Adding to the furtherance of the done-deal, at the end UTA's Rich Kachinsky implied longtime activist and lite rail foe Betty Christensen was a liar and said that Drew Chamberlain's well-researched safety stats were "exaggerated." Any liars in the room were not in the audience.

Unasked Question

My written question was: How does it feel to be a lame duck, one-term congressperson? But somehow Ms. Funk never got around to asking it. :-)

HIM-fellow has forgotten that "Representative" is literal and so shields himself from learning who and what he's supposed to represent. Even Enid Greene Waldholtz took questions directly from the audience at her meetings. But CongKook has reneged on most of his campaign promises and repudiated both his positions and old supporters. Now he uses a filter to talk to the voters. It will be his undoing.

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Success '97: How To Be an Effective Libertarian

Success '97, the LNC's grassroots political training roadshow, will teach you everything you ever wanted to know about how to easily, enjoyably, and effectively win people to libertarianism now. How to win people to the Libertarian Party now. How to build successful state and local parties now. And how to elect Libertarians to office *now* will be held in Denver on November 7 and 8.

Registration is just \$75 and the LPUtah is arranging sleeping accommodations with Denver-area members of the LPofCO to help keep costs down.

Furthermore the state central committee has approved payment of three registrations for state and county officers. Jim Dexter and Rob Latham are paying their own, so Party-paid registrations are still available for county chairs. (Call Jim Dexter at 963-1028, or email: jimdex@inconnect.com.)

What's In It for You?

- Success '97 will show you the Secrets of Libertarian Communication, the Secrets of Libertarian Political Progress and Success.
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- How to be a black-belt persuasive communicator.
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- How to organize and gear up Libertarian campaigns that take your breath away.
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- And much, much more!

Seminar Leaders

Success '97 seminar leaders are successful Libertarians who started out where you are. Who learned these lessons the hard way. Who can teach you shortcuts and secrets so you can learn these lessons the easy, enjoyable, effective way.

Steve Dasbach — Libertarian Party national chair; former Indiana LP state chair; organizer of Success '97

Perry Willis — Immediate past LP national director; former San Diego LP executive director; an expert in direct mail fundraising and membership growth

Bill Winter — LP National communications director; former New Hampshire LP state chair; an expert in effective communications and building a successful state party

Ron Crickenberger — LP national director; campaign manager for a winning Libertarian campaign; the LP's most experienced campaign professional

Michael Cloud — Libertarian Party's all-time champion event fundraiser; creator of "Essence of Political Persuasion" tapes; widely-quoted phrase-maker, speaker, and writer

Jim Lark — Currently serving as advisor to college and high school libertarians throughout the country. He has lectured and conducted workshops on the subject of campus organizing at state and national Libertarian Party conventions.

Barbara Goushaw — Campaign manager for the state representative and U.S. Senate campaigns of Jon Coon, who raised more money and recruited more volunteers than for any other nonpresidential LP campaign.

Exceptionally Worthwhile

State chair Jim Dexter attended the pilot of this seminar in Washington D.C. in March and found it to be "exceptionally worthwhile and especially important for anyone who wants to succeed in Party or elected office. It's not enough just to want the Party to be successful, we must all learn how to make it so."

We're planning to drive to Denver on the afternoon of Friday, November 7, weather permitting. (If not, we'll cancel.) But you must sign up ASAP. Call or email Jim Dexter today.



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October

- 23 Salt Lake County Social — 521-4400
7:00 PM — Slider's, 3500 South & Redwood Road, SLC
- 25 LPUtah 25th Birthday Party — 468-6209
7:00 PM — Hampton Inn, 425 South 300 West, SLC

November

- 6 Utah County Social — 225-0203
7:00 PM — Barnes & Noble, 130 West 1300 South, Orem
- 8 Success '97 — Denver, CO — 534-8872
- 13 State Executive Committee — 534-8872
- 13 Washington County Social — 435/652-9442
7:00 PM — Wash City Comm Chambers, 197 E. Tabernacle, St. George
- 15 SLC Gunshow — Salt Palace — 801/649-2451



Notes From The Chair

by Jim Dexter

25th Birthday Party: It's been 25 years since the LPUtah was founded by **KARL BRAY, GEORGE CHAPMAN** and others. The exact date is lost to history so we've decided to celebrate on Oct. 25. Special Events Goddess **KAYLIN ROBINSON** promises this will be *even better* than last year's bash for the LP. We're also arranging a child-watching service for just \$10 per family (providing enough request the service to justify renting a room.) So please come. We need the money.

SLC Gunshow: Thanks to the tremendous efforts **JON DANSIE**, armed with a free book offer funded by **DICK PARTRIDGE** and a glib tongue, we gained **SIX (6)** new members at the SLC gunshow Sep. 20-21. We also gained 50+ test-passing prospects. An all-time record! Many thanks for the work of the entire gunshow booth team ... **CHRIS KIERST, DAN BROWN, KAYLIN ROBINSON, DON & LOBI JOHNTUN** and **WILLIAM JONES**. Next show is Nov. 15-16. To volunteer, call Chris Kierst at 1-801-649-2451.

Avenues St. Fair: It's always interesting working within the belly of the beast. Not surprisingly, we didn't find many who qualified as Libertarians, but we did gain one new member! Many thanks to **ROB LATHAM** and **RON AMOS** for serving the full day, and to **HUGH BUTLER** and **DICK & ERIN PARTRIDGE** for dropping by. And extra special thanks to **SCOTT BERGESON** for the table (and to **THOR** for moral support).

I-15 Clean-Up & Cook-Out: Our grand plans for July 19 were

thwarted by UDOT burrocrats who finally decided they didn't want anyone cleaning up a highway they were tearing apart. Duh. But we had a great time at the Cookout.

New Membership Form: Thanks to the Feds, we're now required to ask all new members for their occupation and employer on the off-chance they might contribute \$200 or more per year. Ain't gub'mint wunnerful?

County Party Meetings: Under the rules of our new constitution and Bylaws, county party organizations which do not hold regular monthly socials, must hold a general membership meeting each quarter to retain their eligibility for revenue sharing. SL and Utah counties meet regularly and have a great time. Summit is getting into the swing. Meetings work. Hold them. (Your treasury thanks you.)

Critics Noted: Two members have questioned the suspension of the rules at the last state convention to overcome certain restrictions in the new constitution. The convention is the ultimate ruling body of the Party. While we regret the need to seek exceptions, all actions were based on the required two-thirds majority. SEC changes were OK'd by the SCC.

Waco Flick: The documentary "Waco: Terms of Engagement" is a powerful recruiting tool. We're buying three VHS copies. We'll give one to the SL County library system. The other two we'll lend out to anyone who wants to hold a showing for his/her neighbors. It would make a great county meeting. (HINT.)

UofU: **CHRIS WINSTEAD** and the UofU Libertarians are planning a big recruiting push. The tax-supported "Chronicle" refuses to let the campus Libs participate in weekly D&R point/counterpoint articles. We may sue.

Washington County: **JIM LORENZ** has been elected county chair, **BRUCE CUNNINGHAM** is vice-chair, and **PATRICK CHAPMAN** is the secretary/treasurer. Welcome to our newest county party!

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SLAM Offers Ideas Free

SLAM, the State Libertarian Activists Meeting to be held in Dallas on November 15-16, is a "free" seminar based on the Theory of Constraints, developed in the early '80s by Eliyahu Goldratt.

Organized by Jay Manifold, LPTexas state chair and Tom Kane, LP of Wilson County (TX) chair, SLAM is said to offer a way for Libertarian activists to hone their skills without help from the national organization.

Goldratt's books, *The Goal* and *It's Not Luck*, are recommended (not required) reading for participants. For more information, you may call the Goldratt Institute at 1-800-394-4625.

Who's Invited?

SLAM is open to state chairs, their designated representatives, and any other interested state-level Libertarian Party activists. (As far as the LPUtah is concerned, county party officers are "state level" for this meeting.) LNC regional representatives and alternates are invited to attend as observers only. If you're in doubt as to your status, just remember that it's easier to get forgiveness than permission.

When & Where

The weekend of 15-16 November 1997. Depending on when most people arrive, the structured part of SLAM may begin either right after breakfast or more toward midday on Saturday the 15th (the greatest good for the great-

est number). The organizers will try to wrap things up early enough Sunday afternoon (the 16th) to allow for travel time.

Host Facility: the Las Colinas Wingate Inn, on Walnut Hill Lane between highway 114 and MacArthur Boulevard in Irving, Texas. The room rate is a reasonable \$72.15 per night, single or double occupancy (tax included); the cutoff date for this rate is November 1.

The hotel provides free transportation to and from DFW airport.

How Much?

\$0.00. There's no registration fee.

How To Register

1. Call the Wingate Inn at 1-972-751-1031 to make reservations; specify that you are with the "Libertarian Conference." This will get you the \$65 rate, if you make your reservation by Saturday, November 1.
2. You must make your own flight arrangements. According to the organizers, round-trip airfare should be under \$250 from almost anywhere if purchased well in advance. As mentioned, transportation between the airport and the hotel is free.
3. Please let the LPTexas know you're coming by sending an email to Jay.Manifold@mail.sprint.com or by calling him at 972/405-8634. Be sure to let Jay know your arriving and departing flights.

Painless Fundraiser

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Psalm for Today

The government is my shepherd;

Therefore I need not work.

It alloweth me to lie down on a good job.

It leadeth me in the path of still factories.

It destroyeth my initiative.

It leadeth me in the path of the parasite for politics' sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of laziness and deficit spending,

I will fear no evil for the government is with me.

It prepareth an economic Utopia for me

By appropriating the earnings of my grandchildren.

It filleth my head with false security.

My inefficiency runneth over.

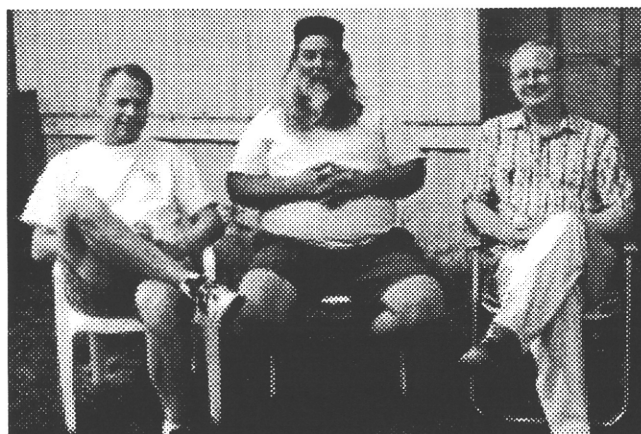
Surely the government shall care for me all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in a fool's paradise forever.

From the County (Ohio) Libertarian Party.

Contributed by Ron Amos.

Scenes from the LPUtah Summer



A Triumvirate of Past State Chairs: (l to r) Doug Jones, Bob Waldrop and Hugh Butler recall past LPUtah agonies and ecstasies at the "Welcome Back, Bob" party hosted by Kaylin Robinson on August 23.



County Officers Training School: State vice chair Kaylin Robinson offers membership activation ideas to county party officers on August 16.

National Standardized Test for Politicians

Congress and the Clinton administration recently announced a proposal to set national educational standards, then test all fourth graders for reading ability and all eighth graders for math skills. One question that has so far gone unasked is: *What qualifies politicians even to discuss standards, let alone impose them upon others?* Given the standards of most politicians for ethics, personal hygiene, and relevance to the real world, we're not sure we want them setting standards for anyone else. If they believe it is important to test school children, think how much more vital it is that we test our would-be rulers—those selfsame congresspeople and administrators—for some minimum level of knowledge and skill.

The Sacred Bull Basic English and Math Test for Federal Politicians

SECTION I: Competency in English

1. The phrase, "Congress shall make no law . . ." means

- a. Congress shall make no law . . .
- b. Congress shall make some laws . . .
- c. Americans can do anything they want, except things my colleagues and I, or our largest contributors, dislike.
- d. Congress can do anything it damn well pleases, starting with stacking the courts with our toadies.

2. What is the correct interpretation of the phrase ". . . the right of the people . . . shall not be infringed"?

- a. The right of the people . . . shall not be infringed.
- b. The right of the people . . . shall be infringed, but only gradually, moderately and for the good of children and battered women (except the ones we batter).
- c. The right of the people is actually a state's right and the states are a bunch of wusses who'll put up with anything as long as we offer them enough tax-funded loot in return for selling out their citizens.
- d. The people are all sitting on their butts watching TV, so we can infringe any damn thing we feel like infringing, and we'll get the media to screw you if you think otherwise.

3. What is the meaning of the phrase, "The powers . . . are reserved to the states, or to the people . . ."

- a. The powers...are reserved to the states, or to the people...
- b. The interstate commerce clause gives us the authority to do anything. Therefore there are no other powers left to reserve for those other twits. Too bad for them.
- c. Where'd you get a stupid idea like that? We're more powerful and have bigger guns than they do, and that's all that really matters, isn't it?

4. Essay Question: Write a bill in plain English, for once. Extra credit if it's constitutional or can be read and understood in less than ten minutes by a high school student of average intelligence.

SECTION II: Competency in Mathematics

1. A fugitive oil baron named Roger gives \$300,000 to the Democrats to gain "access." He gets six invitations to the White House but does not get the pipeline he wanted. How much money should Roger give to the DNC next time?

- a. Nothing. People shouldn't be able to bribe their way into the presence of public officials.
- b. This is a trick question. Next time, a Republican president might be in office, and Roger should give his money to the RNC, instead.
- c. I know the president. If Roger gives me the money, I'll give Roger access. Heck, I'll even throw in some hot babes, since

Roger said the babes at the White House were too busy stroking Clinton to pay any attention to him.

d. \$600,000. (Roger's answer, in testimony before Congress.)

2. According to the administration's own projections, Americans will soon face an 82% income tax rate if present entitlement programs and levels of federal growth persist. How many years before American citizens to rise up in rebellion?

- a. Americans should never be driven to that kind of desperation. We should immediately begin rolling the federal government back to constitutional levels.
- b. Don't worry, we're going to reform the tax system and, as Rep. Mitch McConnell says, "virtually abolish the IRS as we know it"; we'll just have an 82 percent national sales tax, instead.
- c. As soon as my term is over and I can get an oceanside place in Costa Rica, complete with Uzi-toting bodyguards.
- d. What do we care? We'll just let Janet burn the little jerks and claim they committed suicide.

3. The federal budget is...oh...some great big figure in the gazillions. The national debt is probably about five trillion dollars, give or take. The annual deficit is, you know, billions and billions and billions (not counting off-budget stuff like Amtrak and the Post Office). Budgets for Social Security and Medicare are increasing at some really wowie-zow of a percent every year. (Not like you care what the actual figures are, anyway.) Congress and the president have just cooked up a tax cut package filled with goodies for favored special interests. Please explain how you can claim the budget will be balanced by 2002.

- a. We can't do it without extreme cutbacks in government. Anybody who says we can is lying like a congressman.
- b. Revenues will...uh...yeah...revenues will increase because of all those tax breaks and...uh...the economy will be just perfect forever and ever and...uh...maybe some plague or something will come along and kill off all those money-sucking old folks...or something like that, maybe.
- c. The media said it's true, didn't they? What more proof do you want?
- d. Hey, that's for the suckers who are here in 2002 to figure out. I'll be in Costa Rica by then.
- e. Well, actually, now that I think about it, I'll be in some other country with an army so they can fight off the U.S. troops who will be sent to take my loot like they did Noriega's. Like, hey, I stole mine fair and square!

Correct Answers: B, C, D and E (From the politicians' point of view, that is. Hey, you know, whatever we can get away with while the folks are watching TV.) — From the Web, contributed by Scott Bergeson.

The Origin of Political Movements – Part 1

by Ron Amos

Political movements succeed to the extent their proponents' actions are consistent with the political philosophy which they profess.

For Example: The conservative movements of the past 70 years have been coalitions of various kinds with the participants holding widely divergent moral and ethical philosophies with control of the movement passing from one philosophical group to another, never remaining consistent for long but with fairly loose agreements which shatter when their elected representatives try to implement them.

The "Contract with America" is the latest in a long line of high hopes and defeated expectations. The more long-term agreements have been in those areas where fear is strong (e.g., "crime control") and where the survival instinct is the strongest (e.g., "economic liberty").

Based on Fear

The crime control issue is based on fear. The solutions are authoritarian, based on tradition and religion. It's easy to get a majority, which looks consistent, simply because most people have been exposed to the common tradition and Judaeo-Christian religious ethics. But because there is no consistent political

philosophy, all such coalitions ultimately fail. Unfortunately they destroy (incarcerate or execute) large numbers of people and reduce everyone's freedom.

Republican Assemblies

On the other hand, the conservative desire for economic freedom has led them to embrace the arguments of economic philosophers, most recently Ludwig von Mises and F. A. Hayek, who by their commitment to reason have led the conservatives to greater and greater consistency. The Republican Assemblies are the latest in a long line of conservative attempts to make this contradiction work. Tradition and Religious Authority on the one hand versus reason and logic on the other.

They claim to be "Constitutionalists," and probably are. Unfortunately the Constitution is a compromise based upon the American colonials' common traditions, Anglo-American common law, and the Protestant reformation.

As more and more people immigrated to America there was less and less agreement on the nature of common law and more and adherence to the authoritarian beliefs of the Protestant reformers. Thus the Constitutional system started to break down.

Utah Factoids

- ✓ In 1993, about 875,000 people were employed in Utah. 159,441 of them worked for federal, state or local government (18%).
- ✓ In 1991, the average Utahn's personal income was taxed at 36.22%.
- ✓ In 1993, the average public school daily attendance was 432,780. Enrollment in public colleges was 102,540.
- ✓ In 1993, persons receiving public assistance numbered 187,854. (Isn't that around 10% of today's population?)
- ✓ In 1993, Utah ranked first in the nation in a statistic called the "dependency ratio," which is defined as the number of dependents per 100 persons of working age. Utah's ratio was 81:100.

Gleaned by Rob Latham from the 1994 Statistical Review of Government in Utah as found in the UofU Law Library.

Objectivists vs. Libertarians

by Don W. Johnston, State Secretary

The political foundations of Libertarianism require the philosophy of Objectivism, for Objectivism is the root from which the tree of Libertarianism grows.

Objectivist principles of self-ownership and the non-initiation of force created the basis of the Libertarian movement. I see Libertarianism as the political application of Objectivism and only hope that someday Objectivists will see it this way, too.

No Conflicts

Certainly no philosophical conflicts exist between Objectivists and Libertarians except in the minds of delusional Randians who darken the name of Ayn Rand (to protect their own false authority) by impeding the natural spread of Objectivism and its practical applications through the politics of Libertarianism.

What good is an authority on Objectivism who is dishonest in demanding purity from us Libertarians? Even, Ayn Rand and Leonard Peikoff at times contradicted the ideas and principles of Objectivism, as do Libertarians from time to time. This doesn't mean we are evil or impure; it only means we're human.

The LP is also the party of tolerance. So, Libertarians are mislabeled as child molesters, anarchists, gun freaks, dopers, pornographers, etc. Many people, ignorant from government education and erroneous hearsay, seem to think we are the party of "anything goes;" that killers would have a right to kill and robbers a right to steal; that we'd have hookers on every street corner and a proliferation of drug addicts killing themselves on the installment plan.

Nothing else could be further from the truth. While Libertarians embrace liberty like wildflowers embrace sunshine, there's no such thing as the freedom to harm others, only the freedom to harm ourselves.

Libertarians don't believe in blotting out the sun to prevent the growth of a few weeds. I truly believe and envision a Libertarian society as one of order and respect where people would voluntarily associate with each other for mutual gain and mutual advantage.

Jail Real Criminals

In a Libertarian society, child molesters would be locked up rather than set free to make room for dope smokers. Libertarians would no sooner unilaterally disarm the United States than surrender their own means of self-defense. What true Libertarians have ever embraced baby killers or LSD-taking bomb-throwers or any other kind of violence prone kooks trying to assert their beliefs over the rest of us?

As Libertarians, we are the defenders of intellectual freedom and the right to do your own thing, as long as you're not harmfully infringing upon the rights of others. Libertarians believe violence is justified only in self-defense; then force becomes a virtue in protecting yourself and/or your loved ones.

Finally, why would Objectivists vilify Libertarians when Libertarianism would deliver far more Objectivist principles and values to society than any other political movement in history?

Some Objectivists fear and scorn others from outside their knitting circle delivering the moral principles of Objectivism to the world. They wish to remain big fish in a small pond and do not care for those, like us, who want to enlarge the pond. Certainly, Objectivism needs no defense or protection by protective purists, for Objectivism is fully rooted in reality. I only hope that someday Objectivists themselves will become more firmly rooted in reality and join the Libertarian Party to prove that they really do practice what they preach.

Closet Libertarian in SLC Council Race?

by J. Robert Latham, State Legal Counsel

The LPUtah's latest foray to the Avenues Street Fair provided an opportunity to administer the World's Smallest Political Opinion Poll to several candidates for the District 3 seat on the Salt Lake City Council. The October 7th primary will narrow the field of three candidates down to two for the November 4th general election.

Both incumbent Mary Mark and challenger Polly Hart took the quiz. Challenger Tom Rogan, a real estate lawyer endorsed by Rep. Dave Jones and Rep. Ralph Becker (both Democrats), said he would send his quiz in within the week, but failed to do so by the time we went to press. Geez, Tom, breaking campaign promises before the primary election is not a good sign.

Polly Hart scored 20/20 (Authoritarian) on the Poll. She answered "No" to all questions but three. She either didn't know or thought that "Maybe" government should control or censor radio, TV, the press, or computer networks. She felt the same way about the citizens' right to keep and bear arms.

Ms. Hart's only "Yes" was to agree that "Adults are responsible for their actions and accountable for the results." On an aside, Ms. Hart at least protested when she returned her Poll: "But I'm not an authoritarian." Her campaign helper, however, who identified himself as a "libertarian" agreed with the results of the Poll.

Closet Lib?

Mary Mark scored 80/70 on the Poll (earning her a three-month free subscription to The Utah

Liberator!!!). Ms. Mark never answered "No" and got her high score by waffling on the same two issues Ms. Hart did, and three others on the Economic Freedom scale: property tax, minimum wage, and income tax/user fees. But it was nice to see her five "Yes" responses to the remaining issues.

Ms. Mark has a tough race ahead of her. If she doesn't prevail, perhaps she'd be interested in being the LPUtah's candidate for other races.

Editor's Note: We regret to announce that Ms. Mark was eliminated from further consideration by the October 7 primary. SLC's third district is notoriously liberal, populated largely by people who know just what everyone else needs. You've been warned about the victors.

It Doesn't Take a Genius

Is Marilyn vos Savant, the world's smartest woman, a closet libertarian? Could be. A recent *Sunday Parade* magazine included this exchange in "Ask Marilyn":

Q: I have a question about our jury system: Say a person is charged with breaking the law. The evidence presented is overwhelmingly for the prosecution. I'm on the jury, and I think this law is unfair, and I disagree with it. Do I have a right to vote "not guilty"?

A: Although your obligation as a juror is to follow the law as given, when it comes to voting, people may vote their conscience. This is one of the ways in which we, the people, keep our legislators from having too much power.

She's one smart lady all right.

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